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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE  
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TOKYO FOR SHERMAN AND DELIVERY TO HOLBROOKE AT AIRPORT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, RP

SUBJECT: CUTS IN PHILIPPINE MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
APPROPRIATIONS

1. TOKYO PLEASE DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HOLBROOKE WHO WILL ARRIVE HANEDA ON PAN AM FLIGHT 801 AT  
1440 HOURS SEPTEMBER 21 AND DEPART ON NORTHWEST 3 FOR  
MANILA AT 1730 HOURS SAME DAY.

2. REPORT FROM MANILA PURVEYED BY KOKOY REFERS TO ORIGINAL  
HOUSE CUT AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO ANY MOVES FOR ADDITIONAL  
CUTS.

3. SECURITY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FY 78 WILL  
GO TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 21 OR 22. CUTS IN  
PHILIPPINE PROGRAM MADE BY HOUSE BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

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WERE: GRANT MAP FROM DOLS 19.6 MILLION TO DOLS 16.6  
MILLION; FMS BY DOLS 3 MILLION IN PROGRAM AUTHORITY (FROM  
DOLS 20 MILLION); AND TRAINING FUNDS FROM DOLS .8 MILLION  
TO DOLS .6 MILLION. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY  
FURTHER CUTS WILL FOLLOW FROM WORK OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.  
HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD CUTS WILL BE RESTORED  
ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE LOBBIED FOR RESTORATION.

WE WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY OF ANY ACTION TAKEN BY  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BEFORE YOUR RETURN.

4. PHILIPPINE CHARGE BELISARIO CALLED ON FLECK SEPT 20  
TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT. BELISARIO SAID ROMULO HAD  
TELEPHONED HIM PREVIOUS EVENING TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS  
OF APPROPRIATION BILL AND STATE DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO  
HAVE CUTS RESTORED. BELISARIO TOLD ROMULO BILL IN HANDS  
OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, OF WHICH CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE,  
ORIGINATOR OF CUTS, WAS MEMBER. THERE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD,  
THEREFORE, IN BELISARIO'S OPINION, THAT CUTS WOULD BE  
RESTORED. ROMULO THEN ASKED BELISARIO TO ASCERTAIN  
STATE DEPARTMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD BILL.

5. FLECK INFORMED BELISARIO THAT DEPARTMENT HAD MADE  
VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO PREVENT CUTS, INCLUDING INTENSIVE  
ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS BY HOLBROOKE, AND AS RESULT CUTS  
WERE NOT NEARLY AS EXTENSIVE AS HAD AT FIRST BEEN PRO-  
POSED. SINCE HOUSE ACTION, FLECK ADDED, WE HAVE BEEN  
WORKING AS VIGOROUSLY AS APPEARED TACTICALLY WISE FOR  
RESTORATION OF CUTS. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME RESTORATION  
BUT IS NOT COUNTING ON IT.

6. YOU MAY INFORM MARCOS THAT AS A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION  
WITHOUT ESTABLISHING PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE, WE CAN MAKE  
AVAILABLE TO GOP AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 30 MILLION IN FMS  
FINANCING FOR APPLICATION TO FY 77 PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS  
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RESULT FROM INTERNAL REALLOCATION OF FMS UNEXPENDED BY  
OTHER RECIPIENTS AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONGRESSION-  
AL APPROVAL. THIS IS INDICATION OF OUR CONCERN AND  
SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPINES BUT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS INDICA-  
TING IMPROVED POSSIBILITIES FOR FY 79 OR BASE AGREEMENT  
COMPENSATION. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

7. PLEASE NOTE EA ONLY CAPTION. VANCE

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